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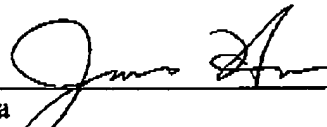
Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/630,888
Applicants: Michio YANAGI et al.
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Sir:

Pursuant to the teleconference with the Examiner on July 3, 2004, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the front page of each of the priority documents, namely, **JP 2002-220762** (filed on 7/30/02), **JP 2002-220770** (filed on 7/30/02), **JP 2002-220776** (filed on 7/30/02) and **JP 2002-276783** (filed on 9/24/02) that were filed along with the application on July 30, 2003 and to which priority was previously claimed. A copy of the postcard acknowledging receipt of the priority documents by the Patent Office was previously submitted in the Amendment filed on June 1, 2004. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request acknowledgement of the priority claim and receipt of the priority documents and wish to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowability with respect to this application.

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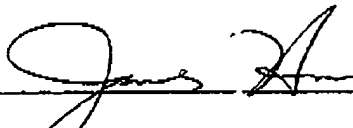
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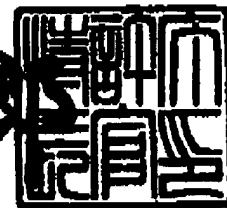
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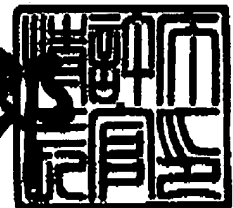
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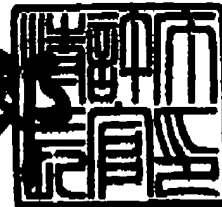
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